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IMPROVED DESIGN FREEDOM OF
EXTERNAL TERMINALS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on March 2, 2005, the due date of which has been extended by a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time filed herewith, to expire on September 2, 2005.

The amendments to the independent claims are supported at page 19, line 18 (first embodiment, claim 1); page 36, lines 7-11 (second embodiment, claim 9); and page 47, lines 9-13 (third embodiment, claim 16).

New claims 21-23 are supported in Figs. 2, 10, and 13(A), and are patentable for the reasons below.